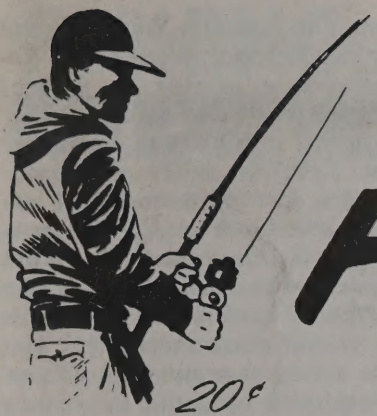

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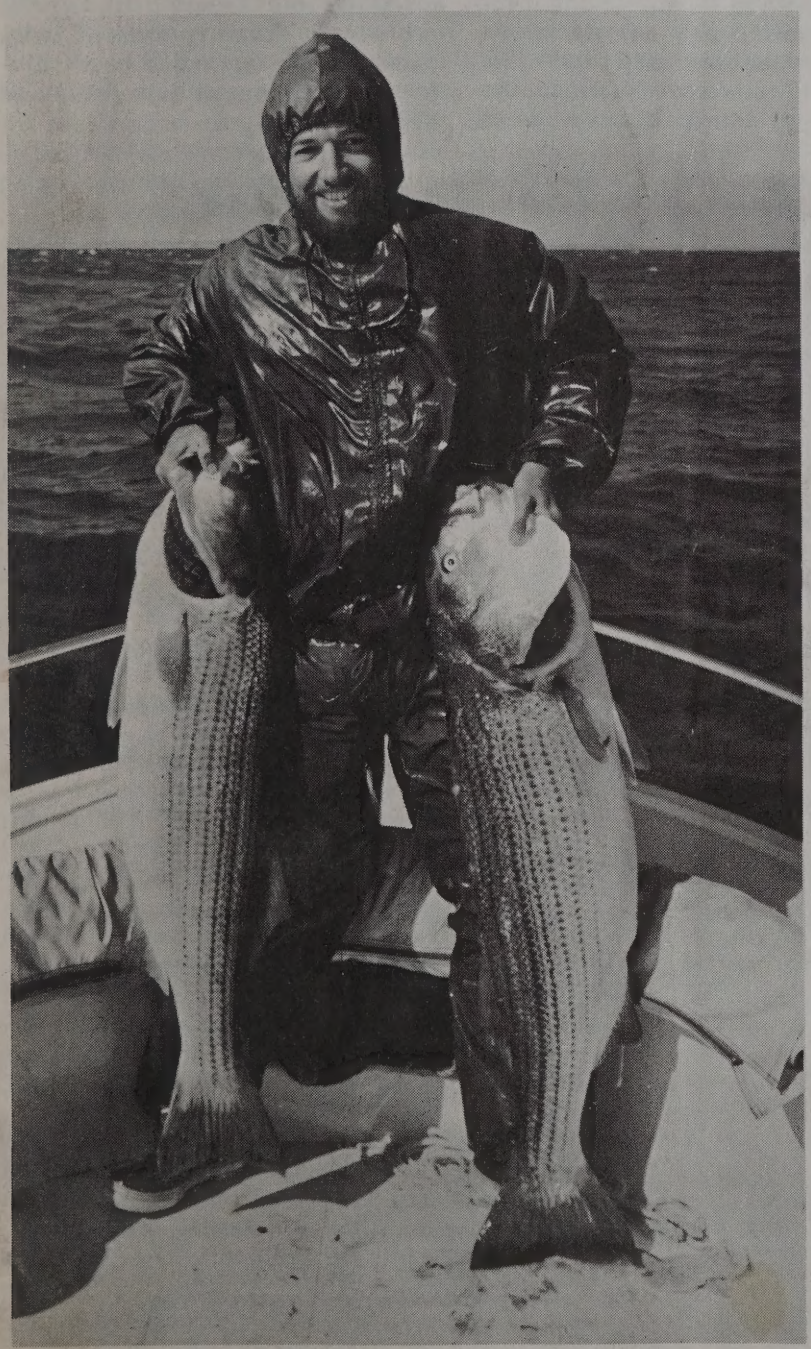

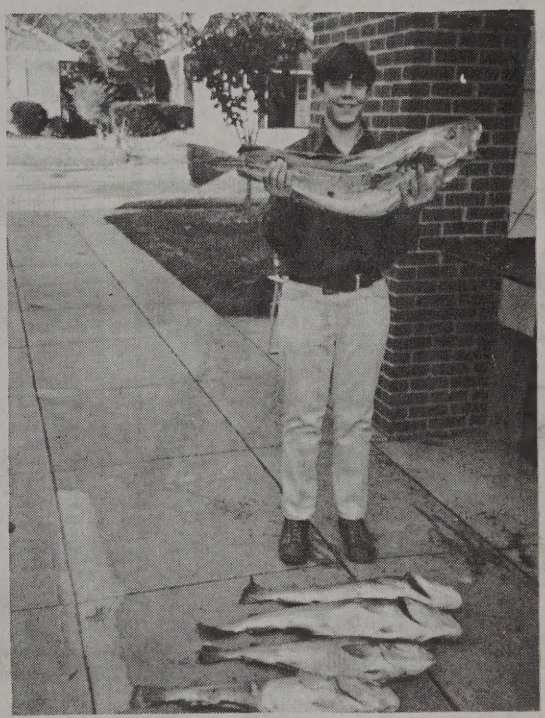

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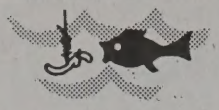

Dear Mr. Miller:

Thought you would be interested in an incident I saw on the beach at Bridgehampton ten days ago. A group of commercial seiners made a haul - they took a potato truck full of striped bass leaving well over 1,000 lbs. of bluefish on the beach because the market was poor. Fortunately some of them were picked up by residents of the area but several hundred 6 - 10 lb. blues were left on the beach for the gulls.

If this keeps up people are going to wonder what happened to our fishing!
C.B. Peck, Bridgehampton, N.Y.

■ *Yes, I certainly am interested as I hope some million of other citizens should be. Yet, there is one flaw in this report that antagonizes me more; did anyone make a complaint to the Department of Environmental Conservation, Division of Marine and Coastal Resources, in Ronkonkoma?*

I am forced, not by choice (my 25 cent piece made several round trips to Albany in quest of an updated issue), to refer to the 1970 Fish and Game Laws which includes two Sections that may have had enough teeth in them to bring some action against this act of waste. They are sections 318 and 325, Article IV; concerned with the returning of unintentionally taken fish and the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Compact that should designate police powers to protect against the waste and abuse of fish.

Indeed it is a sad fact that our marine fisheries suffer constantly from this sort of action, not excluding the hook and liners contribution to this waste. There are many remedies, but none will ever be effected unless we push for them. I will also conceed that past efforts aimed at regulating our marine resources have run into stone walls. From the news releases publsihed by the Department of Environmental Conservation and widely circulated, one could even wonder if we have a marine fishery at all.

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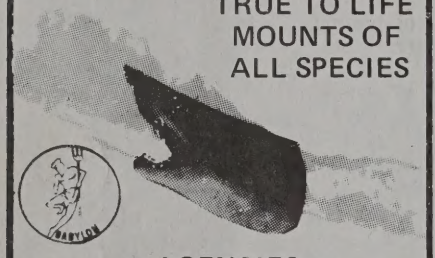

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FISHING

by VLAD EVANOFF

About this time of year, most striped bass anglers fishing in our waters hang up their rods, pack away their lures, haul out their boats, and look forward to a long winter of waiting until next spring when the stripers start running again. However, for those anglers lucky enough to take time off and travel south there is a lot of striped bass fishing left during the rest of this year and even during the winter months.

Just a short trip south to lower New Jersey and Delaware, for example, will put you into some good striper fishing in Delaware Bay, Rehoboth Bay and Indian River right into December.

Still further south, in Maryland and Chesapeake Bay, there is some great striped bass fishing. The Chesapeake Bay is a huge body of water with many rivers entering into it. And numerous coves, islands, points and marshes and estuaries are scattered throughout the bay. Such spots as the Magothy River, Severn River, South River and the Chesapeake Bay Bridge near Annapolis produce good fishing. Other spots include the Chester River, Love Point, Eastern Bay, Miles River, Choptank and Pautuxent Rivers, Hooper Island, Hooper Straits, Tangier Sound and Pocomoke Sound. Small boats are best for this fishing to get into the shallow waters near shore where the best fishing is found. During the late fall and early winter larger boats troll for stripers in deeper water. You'll often see birds working and fish breaking at that time of year. Trolling with small surgical tube lures, spoons and jigs usually works best. But casting with small popping plugs is also good when the stripers are on top. Biggest stripers are caught trolling deep with wire lines. Drifting with live eels can also be done here.

In Virginia, you can fish the lower end of Chesapeake Bay near the Bridge-Tunnel where there is usually a good run of stripers during November and into December. Here the pay-off methods for the bigger fish include trolling with weighted and wire lines using spoons, bucktail jigs and plastic eels down deep. But many times the stripers also show on top to chase bait and then you can try trolling closer to the surface or even casting from a drifting boat.

In North Carolina, you can catch stripers in various inland waters such as Albemarle, Pamlico, Roanoke and Croaton Sounds. In Croaton Sound some of the best fishing is done at the William B. Umstead Bridge. Here trolling with jigs is the most productive method.

Some years there is also a late run of big striped bass along North Carolina's Outer Banks in December, usually along the Hatteras Island stretch of beach. Then they are sometimes caught from the surf using bunker or menhaden for bait. This fishing is best if there are schools of bunker working along the beach and you can snag some live bait on a lure and immediately use it for bait.

While fishing for stripers from the surf in North Carolina you might also run into schools of channel bass or big bluefish which often feed on the bunkers and mullet at the same time of year.

Perhaps the most dependable striped bass fishing in the late fall and winter and early spring can be found in South Carolina. Here the landlocked stripers which live their entire lives in fresh-water can be caught in the Santee-Cooper Reservoir. Here Lake Marion and Moultrie are huge bodies of water where stripers have thrived through the years. These fresh-water stripers are mostly of school size or a bit larger, but every so often someone gets one going 20, 30 or 40 pounds.

And the fishing is often good during November and December in the Santee-Cooper Reservoir. The stripers feed on gizzard shad or herring and chase them to the surface just as they do in salt-water. At such times they might hit small popping plugs but the usual pay-off lure here is a bucktail jig or spoons cast or trolled.

Fresh-water stripers can also be caught in some rivers in Florida. One of the best-known is the St. John's River in the northern part of the state. But stripers are found only in a few spots in this river so you have to make sure you're fishing the right one. On the Gulf Coast of Florida the Apalachicola River emptying in the Gulf of Mexico is noted for its striped bass fishing, especially upriver near the Jim Woodruff Dam. While fishing for these fresh-water stripers in Florida you're apt to hook large-mouth bass, shad, pickerel and catfish.

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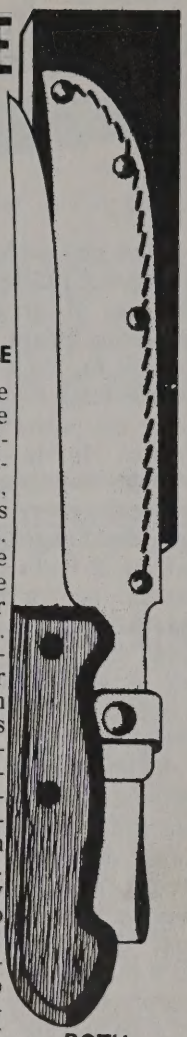

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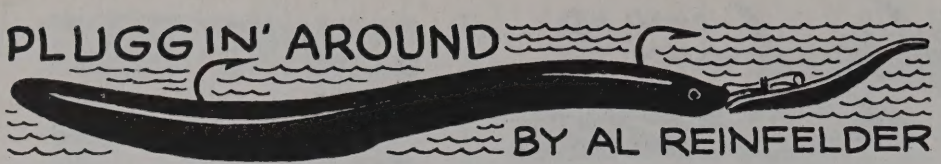


HUMMERS IN THE HUDSON

The philosophy behind the HUDSON RIVER FISHERMEN'S ASSOCIATION, one of this area's most dynamic conservation groups, is that the emphasis should be on the positive. Their feeling is that nothing is to be gained by bombarding the public with endless tales of pollution. In the case of the Hudson, such tales duplicate our every day observations, anyway. The entire body of water called Long Island Sound is polluted from turgid Hell's Gate to tempestuous Plum Gut, but for the most part it looks clean. This cannot be said for the tobacco colored tidal river which sloshes back and forth between Manhattan and Albany. No one has to tell anyone of the abuse to which this seminal river is subjected.

While not denying the basic degredation of the Hudson the Fishermen's Association strives to educate the public to understand and appreciate the enormously rich fountain of life which is still present in the abused river. The point is sound. Calling a river "dead" or beyond help is the signal for unlimited dumping, a curtailment of public clean-up efforts, and a termination of public interest in basic conservation measures.

Since fishermen are the first to become aware of a water's devaluation, and since the qulaity of water is most keenly and immediately felt by such men, the initial thrust has been toward the anglers. However, under new and able leadership, the concept of the educational obligations of the HRFA have expanded tremendously. For instance, Pete Barrett, President of the New Jersey Cahpter (Box 67, Demarest, N.J. 07627) is bringing an educational program about the Hudson River to Bergen County High Schools, Civic groups, Power Squadrons, Coast Guard Auxiliaries, and Fishing Clubs. So far more than 4,000 students have taken part in this program. The program includes slides and lecture material. Much of the material is based on the magnum opus of the river, THE HUDSON RIVER, by Robert H. Boyle (Norton, N.Y.) which is must reading for every angler and conservationist in the east. It is possible that Pete (who can be reached at 201-569-9512) would be able to arrange for a presentation at your club, civic organization or school, but I think it is time that someone on Long Island starts a Long Island Branch of HRFA. Nobody benefits more from the generous gifts of this great river that the striped bass anglers of the western Sound and the urban beaches.

One of HRFA's prime concerns is that anglers see the river for themselves. And what better way to get a fisherman to look at a body of water than to tell him where and when and how to catch fish therein. To this end, HRFA periodically issues fishing reports which are straight-forward efforts to help people catch fish in the Hudson by providing up-to-date and accurate information. The following comes from the most recent report:

With the fall migration (much of which terminates right in the Hudson) coming to a close, anglers can look forward to an extension of their season on the banks or in the rips of this great river. The enterprising angler can score consistently on stripers ranging from schoolies to 30 pound monsters. Thus, anglers who keep their rods out to the bitter end can tie into "hummers" right up to the big New Year's Eve celebration (which terminates fishing for even the hungriest amongst us.)

The lower reaches of the Hudson provide the first of the Fall fishing.. Anglers on Staten Island fish bait and plugs at Fort Wadsworth and Annadale areas for stripers which range from 3-10 pounds. Santo's Sport Shop on 1436 Hylan Blvd. (212-987-0302) has up to the minute information.

Robbins Reef just off Bayonne, N.J. has good bass fishing all year but is most productive in the spring and fall. Plugs like the Garcia Mee-Mee, the Atom and other swimmers as well as bucktails account for most catches. A launch ramp is located at Pulaski St. off Rt. 169 north of the Military Overseas Terminal. A small craft chart of New York Harbor helps to pinpoint likely spots.

Going farther up river, the rip under the George Washington Bridge periodically gives up big fish in the 20 and 30 pound class. Troll Jap feathers, plastic eels, big swimmers, surgical tubes and umbrella rigs with wire line for best results. Fish off the red lighthouse on the Manhattan side - - the drop-off here is severe going from 15' to 60' - - excellent bass water!

On the New Jersey side under the bridge, eel fishermen do very well and the colder the weather the better it is for the tommy cod fanciers. Small stripers are occasionally taken here. Just up the road in Fort Lee is Al and Jerry's Tackle Box with bait and everything you need for fishing the river. The address is 2000 Bigler St. (201-461-4973).

The Spuyten Dyvil, where the Harlem River enters the Hudson, is the toll gate through which the Long Island Sound stripers must pass on the way to the northern wintering zone. Beach anglers use poppers at slack water and white bucktails with a fast tide. The best action is at daybreak and dusk. Here is an excellent spot for the boat angler to work eels and herring through the rip that forms at the mouth of the Harlem River. Trolling with wire line should also produce big fish. Bridge fishermen each year take a few 20 pounders using large Atom swimmers or Rebels. Launching facilities cost $2.50 at the Englewood Marina of the Palisades Park Comm.

Stripers are taken by fishing off the dock at the Tappen Zee Marina in Piermont, N.Y. at night using whole bait on a fish finder rig. This spot yields big stripers to commercial fishermen and Cornetta's Inn reported a 50 pounder recently.

Striped bass in large numbers usually arrive in Haverstraw Bay at the end of the first week in November, and fishing for them goes on until ice comes on the Hudosn, usually around the first or second week of January. The real peak of the fishing in this part of the river comes around the Thanksgiving weekend to about December 6.

Stomach examination discloses that the bass generally feed on tommy cod. White perch, spearing and sunnies also make up part of the bass's diet. The stripers usually feed on the bottom and are rarely found on top. Anyone fishing with artificials or bait should fish "low and slow, and deep and dirty." In the opinion of Bob Vargo of Verplanck, one of the best striper anglers on the Hudson, the best artificial is a yellow bucktail jig retrieved slowly in spurts and bounces. On occasion Vargo also uses yellow streamers on a fly rod, but the streamers need weight to get down to the bass. Other productive lures are red and white bucktails and sinking Rebels or similar swimmers. Plastic worms are very productive in the spring and there is no reason why they shouldn't score as well in the fall.

Favorite live baits are bloodworms and sandworms, but the supply can be spotty, especially as the season gets colder and dependable customers are scarcer.

For availability of worms call ahead to any of these shops serving Haverstraw Bay: Ace Lent and Charlie White-Verplanck, 914-737-5021 (they also have boats and motors); Richie Ferris - Croton, 914-271-3675; Tony Morabito's Bait & Tackle - Ossining, 914-941-9690.

The best fishing with a boat is over the old oyster beds just off George's Island County Park. It is located between Croton and Peekskill - - take Rt. 9 Expressway to the Montrose exit, go north on 9A past the FDR Hospital and George's Island signs on the left. The park is open from 8 a.m. until dusk, has a fine launch ramp and there is usually no charge at this time of year. Upon launching head due south for 300 yards to avoid submerged and unmarked rocks, then due west for 400 yards. Anchor and check to see if you are over hard, not muddy bottom. The bass are found only over baits must be right on the bottom. Fish for ten minutes, if no stripers switch to another spot a short distance away. The best time to fish is on the down or ebb tide. High tide occurs about 3 hours after high tide at Sandy Hook.

Most fall striper fishermen fish from shore. Fishing can be excellent all along the east shore of Haverstraw Bay from Senasqua Park at Croton up to Oscawanna Island. At Croton, the ebb tide appears best while anglers have scored well on the incoming tide at Oscawanna. Other hot spots are the north and south tips of Croton Point and the mouth of the Croton River to below Crawbuckie Beach. By the Penn-Central bridge there is a hole near the mouth of the Croton River that produces. On calm days, stripers can be seen breaking water in this area from Crawbuckie to the south tip of Croton Point.

Overall, you will find the action can run from fair to fantastic. You may run into a number of "short" stripers (16 inches from mouth to fork of tail in New York and 18 inches from mouth to tip of tail in New Jersey is the legal limits for the two states), but your average bass will run from three to seven pounds. On occasion larger bass can be taken like a 23 pounder taken at Senasqua a few years ago, or the 20 pounders of the Spuyten Dyvil. Ten to fifteen pounders will show with regularity throughout the fall season and of course, there is always a chance to hook into a monster lunker. Generally speaking, the big cow and bull stripers show up in the colder weather of late November and December.

No license is needed to fish the tidal Hudson and there is no bag limit in New York although the daily limit in New Jersey is 10 stripers.

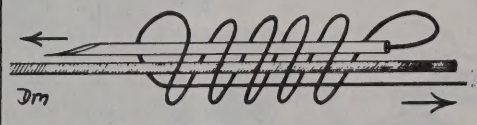
NUTS TO KNOTS!

Well anyway, I wish I could say that; but the truth is no fisherman ever can, ever will or ever should.

We stirred a small hornets-nest in this column back in late October. And we also instigated some inquiries on that mono to braided line trace using a separate line nail knot connection. First things first.

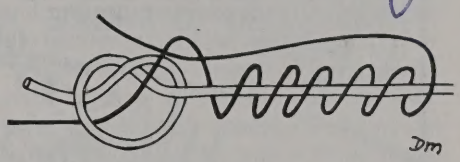
I'm not going to call any flyrodder that frowns on the use of snaps uppity; I might think it but would never say it. Exactly why they would consider the use of an extremely small and light snap taboo while accepting the all too obvious nylon coated wire leader with its heat fused loops is beyond me; that is, unless they have never been into a blitz of "choppers" eating up poppers as fast as you dropped them on the surface. Perhaps their argument is valid with all other situations and if their poppers have proved unimpregnable by bluefish teeth. Nevertheless, if you wish to follow the decree passed on by the respected pros of Saltwater Flyrodding, never use a snap.

All this controversy and the apparent complexity that many add to the sport would lead one to believe that the easiest way out is never to get hooked on flyrods in the first place. But the truth is the sport is not so very difficult at all. Perhaps the only stumbling blocks that discourage many would-bes are the various knots that are used throughout the system.



The nail-knot, which is really a snell knot, which is really a rope wip, which is really . . . very easy to tie, is the basic backing to casting line and leader to casting line connector. On this page is a diagram showing a hollow, metal fish tagging insert needle being used in lieu of a nail to aid in drawing the end of the leader or the backing through the five turns made over the flyline and leader. (Only a few weeks ago, down at the beach chasing snappers, I had to tie on a new leader. A plastic soda straw found in the sand served the same purpose; as I am sure you will find other useful implements.) When these turns are drawn tight, they literally choke the softer flyline and wouldn't let go with the help of the devil.

You won't ever learn to tie knots by peering at illustrations. You must practice with actual lengths of scrap line. When you are confident that this one won't throw you, you are half way to becoming a flyrodder.



The other knot illustration , which I can't name because I don't know what to call it, is my backup emergency trace knot. If you recall, my mono to nylon line connection used on a revolving spool casting outfit was made by running the mono trace inside the hollow braided nylon casting line a few inches and then bound with a nail knot tied with a separate length of ten pound test monofilament. This proved to be more than satisfactory when tied at leisure over the work bench.

But what happens when a fish cuts you off and a new trace is needed at the scene of the action? No one in their right mind is going to take the time to redo that ditty. This was brought to my attention by more than one peer. So . . .

This knot, passed on to me some time ago by an old friend, is quick, easy and strong. Certainly it has better qualities than the Double Surgeons; which requires some hand manipulations to get all 20 foot of trace twice through a loop and doesn't test out too well either.

The leader length (trace) is tied to the casting line with a single overhand knot and drawn tight. Exactly the same way you tie a clinch knot, the end of the casting line makes six turns over the trace and back through the loop after the first turn.

An improvement over this unnamed knot would be to follow the same procedure with the overhand knot and then tie a nail knot over the leader with the casting line. An improvement over this would be to tie a nail knot with the casting line over the leader and then a nail knot with the leader over the casting line; drawing the two together. An improvement over this knot would be . . .

Nuts to knots! Let's go fishing.

DOWN THE NATURE TRAIL

WITH FRED GUARDINEER

FROGS ARE ONE OF THE MOST EFFECTIVE FALL BAITS AS FISH FATTEN FOR THE COLD MONTHS, ARE LESS ACTIVE AND GO FOR BIG BAITS. A LARGE FROG HOOKED THROUGH THE LIPS FILLS THE BILL. EVEN A DEAD FROG CAN BE USED IF YOU IMPART NATURAL ACTION. CAST THE FROG UNDER OVERHANGING TREES, AROUND STUMPS AND CLOSE TO SHORE BY WEED BEDS.

BIG BASS ESPECIALLY GO FOR LIVE FROGS. GIVE HIM TIME TO ENGULF THE BAIT BEFORE SETTING THE HOOK.

BLUEGILLS ARE RATED AS PANFISH BECAUSE THEY SELDOM EXCEED 8 INCHES IN LENGTH, BUT THE WORLD RECORD IS 4 3/4 LBS. FROM KETONA LAKE IN ALABAMA ON A JITTERBUG. EXCELLENT EATING, BLUEGILLS CAN BE CAUGHT ALL YEAR ROUND AND ARE GREAT SPORT ON LIGHT TACKLE. THEY GROW BIGGER IN THE SOUTH.

SKUNKS, DEODORIZED AT AN EARLY AGE, MAKE INTELLIGENT, AFFECTIONATE HOUSE PETS THAT EAT BOTH CAT AND DOG FOOD ALONG WITH MILK AND SOME VEGETABLES.

IF YOUR DOG MEETS A WILD SKUNK WITH THE USUAL RESULTS, RUB HIS COAT WITH TOMATO JUICE THEN BATHE WITH SOAP & WATER.

THE PELICAN'S POUCH CONSISTS OF TOUGH ELASTIC TISSUE AND IS USED AS A CARRYALL FOR CAPTURED FISH.

FOXES ARE NOT AS TOUGH TO CONTROL AS MIGHT BE SUPPOSED WHEN THEY BECOME RABID. ONLY 35% SURVIVE IN ONE YEAR AND A 7 MONTH OLD FOX CAN EXPECT A LIFE SPAN OF ONLY 18 MONTHS.

Strictly Casting

by Vince Guaglianone

DON'T PASS UP SUNKEN MEADOW

For years Sunken Meadow had me fooled. It looked too tame; too flat; too shallow; too full of bathers and boats all summer. What hit me most were such sights as a Rebel floater, airborne with the help of a 3-ounce sinker attached. Too much! I took longer trips to wilder beaches.

But in the autumn 1969, numberless jumbo bluefish invaded almost all the north shore. Sunken Meadow was a major hot spot during this incredible blitz of three weeks; and after all the mystifying action I peered more closely at the shoreline.

How stupid to have missed the obvious Nissequogue River. It pours bait-filled into the Sound at the main shore's east end. Why didn't I figure that long sandbar right there? On the west side of the beach, look at that jetty; look at that long curving cove beyond it, whose distant side reaches pointing into the Sound. A ways west of the jetty there's a boulder awash on the ebb . . . There's a short sandbar just east of the jetty . . . Consider how the whole gravel-and-sand shoreline undulates.

You can't be everywhere at once. But if for any reason you can't make Montauk of an autumn season, don't fret. And don't pass up Sunken Meadow. Now, the first thing every year I get my night-parking permit for this State Park.

Last year's October 22 is one day to consider; a rainy day amid a dark week of steady downpour and drizzle, with long spurts of a NE wind. Past noon, I walked out toward the jetty, and here's this good rodman sliding a 40-plus bass up the beach. A solitary lunker, but over 40 pounds! At Sunken Meadow in the daylight! And on a handmade plug, no less . . . This October at the Meadow a surfman plugged a 20 pound bluefish. I heard it was by that jetty again . . . On 10/25, a 15 pound blue took a popper; after dawn on the low ebb; west of that jetty. The same day, beside the boulder after dusk, a blue about 12 pounds was beached on a popper. Again it had been raining this day, and a NE blast gave Sunken Meadow a white smashy surf . . . Plenty of decent blues and a few good bass have been beached this sutumn at Sunken Meadow in all kinds of weather. But I don't think it's as good as last year or in 1969 here; nor as good as Cedar Beach south shore this autumn.

The point of these details is this; before you travel afar, learn first your home beaches. And for many casters who reside in the City and the suburbs, the Meadow is a home beach; at most 1½ hours away (from Manhattan) if you travel the right time of day. It's best to avoid Northern Boulevard. Take the Sagtikos Parkway north from 495 or the Northern State.

In summertime the catching seems limited to taylor blues. If you walk east to the river's last bank on a summer night, sometimes you can get schoolies and teen bass by floating worms if you're not a plug-purist. More certain is your becoming so much meat for the monstrous gnats at the Meadow on summer nights.

In late spring you should wade the Nissequogue Bar; the ebb's last two hours; best after midnight in the quiet; and with floater Rebels 'only' (unless you can work something else rightly in the ebb's fierce current . . . the new Red Fin swimmer is a likely additional choice). The very best moon phase is as yet not certain, to me. The diverse bait-flow is terrific, any night so far. What must be important, is what kind of year it is as regards the bait supply.

This big sandbar leans northward from the main beach. Then it turns east, rightward, and drops off into the deep channel. Explore this sandbar in daylight first; and on it at night, consider your return! The flood fills deep and strong over the bar near the main beach first, while the bar's horizontal section out near the channel is yet exposed!

Though one can be skunked at the Meadow as everywhere else, late spring has given 20 and 30 pound bass along this Nissequogue Bar, under the basic conditions described above. I would say late spring 'only', with an appreciation to hear about exceptions so I can adjust assessments. Avoid strong E and N winds out on the bar, as these churn up the bottom and foul the retrieve with weed. Excellent though to be out there when these winds are just beginning, as they blow against the tidal outflow.

At the 'corner', where the bar begins on the main shore, is a depth in high tide that's good for blues in the day, and stripers at night; though right here so far I've only caught school bass.

Generally, the whole main beach is too shallow after the ebb's third hour. Yet gamefish have been caught on the west - or jetty side, in the shallow ebb or first flood; but under N and NE winds in the sutumn. Maybe it's because these winds, pushing over the Sound, make high water shoreward and also keep some bait in. For high tide along the main shore, you can cast sandworms and cut bait; big Alous at night; Atom swimmers and poppers and Stan Gibbs darters; and the famous metal jigs.

How many times in a row can you stand getting skunked? The Sagtikos is roughly between Sunken Meadow, and Cedar Beach on the south (Fire Island too) in a half hour trip. Beginning at either coast, this is one way to split a day as per appropriate tide. You can also divide the day between the Meadow's jettyside, and the Nissequogue Bar on the east. Remember that the State Park looks deceptively small. Best to drive through the parking fields from one side to the other . . .

And then the fish could show up in between . . . A blitz can also occur both at Cedar Beach and at Sunken Meadow, while you're on the Sagtikos with the wheel in your hands. This is a part of it all; the part called 'luck'. After a few years some of us tend to call it 'bad timing'. But it feels much more peaceful to think of it as luck.

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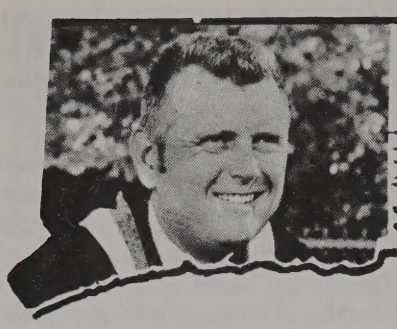

CONNECTICUT SCENE

BY DICK ALLEY

While the number of anglers along the Connecticut shoreline may be dwindling, the reason can't be a lack of fish. For the past several days, the harbor water temperature has been 57 degrees, prime for bass activity. It should be an excellent Thanksgiving for Striped Turkey.

Copp McNulty cruised into the cove at Bedfords Point in Westport on Thursday morning to find linesiders breaking the surface everywhere. Mac McMahon made good use of the last of the bunker schools to capture a 45½ lb. lunker off Fairfield last week. Last Wednesday, Norwalker Louis Ermo scooted across to 11B and jigged bucktails for a tally of ten blues and a pair of bass. Stripers are also reported to be cooperating at Greenwich Cove, though all schoolies for the most part. Also a few fish being beached at Greenwich Point, and Mianus Cove. Doug Van Wynen at the Sportsman's Den received a report of some hot bass fishing off New Rochelle, N.Y., where one angler jigged bucktails for 20 stripers in 2 hours fishing time.

Other than Bedford, in the Norwalk-Westport area, Schlaet's Pt. has been displaying plenty of boiling bass, as have the Norwalk Islands, with Cockenoe, Copps, and Sheffield, all worth mentioning. We heard a rumor of some late season bluefishing at Manresa power plant, but a run over there by yours truly failed to bring up a fish: Which brings up a thought.

Fall fishing is "sometimes" fishing. It runs hot and cold. There are times when conditions are ideal and you won't catch a fish. On the other hand, you could be cruising on a bright, sunny day, have a school of bass pop up in front of you and have the greatest day of your life. I received a vivid reminder only last Monday. Remember the day? It broke daylight with heavy clouds, a few light showers and no wind. I awoke, glanced out the window, and was tempted to skip breakfast in my hurry to get out on the Sound. Putting out of Longshore at high tide, I went directly to the southwest reef at Cockenoe Island. I gave all my favorite plugs a short workout, but receiving no hits, pulled anchor and crossed over to Goose. Nothing there, so I traveled to Copps Island, then Browns Point, then the S/W corner of Sheffield, hitting each spot at just the right tide. There was plenty of bait around, and a little breeze popped up, bringing even more favorable conditions. I got skunked! And I would have been willing to bet a fifty dollar bill that it was impossible to get skunked on such a November day. Manresa, Chimmons Island, Grassy, and a return to the other side of Cockenoe rounded out the trip. I never felt a tap, or saw a swirl behind any of the many plugs I flipped till my arms were sore. I'm not complaining. In fact, I had a most enjoyable day. Each spot I tried and every cast I made held that big promise of striped bass. Never once, did that plug hit the water that the hair on the back of my neck didn't tingle in anticipation of the hit to come. Isn't that really what fishing is all about? In these days when stripers are so easy to catch on bunkers, and blues were as plentiful as a short boat ride, and exiting fishless day in the elements reminded me why I took up this sport in the first place. It's not what or how much we catch, but the enjoyment we derive in trying.

If it's relaxation you're looking for, there's plenty of that too. When I talked with Doug Van Wynen, he was still excited about his trip to Quincy a couple of days earlier. It was the perfect way to build up that freshly healed arm of his, and the flats were STILL big and cooperative. Flats are also doing all right locally, but not in comparison to frostfish. Yes, the tommy cod are semmingly everywhere, whether you're talking the river, the bays, or what have you. The Mianus is loaded, the Saugatuck and Norwalk Rivers likewise, and they're thick in New Haven.

MAMARONECK

Plenty of blacks and flounder, but this will be the last weekend for the Mamaroneck Fishing Station. Bass aren't cooperating here, but look for a late season run.

GREENWICH

Bass plentiful in Greenwich Cove near the Japanese Bridges. Fewer fish at the Point itself, and about the same picture on the outside. Tomcod thick, but no smelt, sad as this may sound.

NORWALK

Plenty of blacks, frostfish and flats. Flats are best at Sprite Island, blacks at Buoy 24A, and frostfish all over.

WESTPORT

Bass hitting at Schleat's Point and Bedfords Point, AND the Norwalk Islands, but you have to find them. The Saugatuck River is loaded with tomcod, and a generous amount of flounder. Blacks good off Compo and Bedfords.

BRIDGEPORT

Penfield Reef should be producing bass (but I'm not really sure). There have been some reports from Fayerweather, and tinker mackerel in Pleasure Beach Gut.

NEW HAVEN

Blues still reported here, and it's expected they'll be here beyond last years record of Nov. 26. Bass are hitting at Gulf Beach, on an outgoing tide, while tomcod and white perch share the baits at Lighthouse. The Race is hot for blues and bass in New London.

PARTY BOATS

It's blackfish bonanza. Tom Duscio was forced to retire the Theresa L early this fall due to a death in the family. His last trip over the weekend showed bagsful for all, including some blacks over 10 pounds.

Ed Brower will be skippering his Dolphin out of Bridgeport in December on Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays. He reports excellent blackfishing for the frostbite anglers.

Skipper John Minnitti will be on the bridge of the Delmar, sailing on weekends from his Greenwich berth through November. Blacks are coming aboard by the ton, and John tells us of one boat taking 32 big blues at 11B this week.

Steve Seman will also sail through November on the Hurricane out of Bridgeport, with a promise of excellent fishing as long as the weather holds in.

Need I say more? What the devil are you doing in front of that TV set? Go fishing!

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EDITOR'S REPORT

The weatherman blew the whistle over the weekend by continued promises of 25 knot winds or more which never materialized on the Sound side until Sunday afternoon. Certainly their forecast kept many anglers from giving it just one more try before "Turkey-Day."

In the west end of the Sound, we heard reports from the Glenwood Tackle Shop that flounders, and even a few snappers, were caught in the warm water discharges of the power plant located on the east side of Hempstead Harbor.

Jack Savage told us that he saw birds working over bait deep off Matinecock Point in Glen Cove. Using white bucktails and 100 to 300 feet of wire, he picked up a few school stripers late Sunday morning.

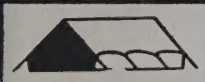
At Eatons Neck, only a half dozen boats pumped on the wire, yet school bass and a few straggling bluefish still showed. No outstanding catches, but at this time of the year on the Sound, a bass is a bass and a bluefish is a surprise.

If there was any activity further east along the Sound, no one let on. Pete Lieblein at the Port of Egypt Fishing Station filled in with a good report out at Orient Point. He said that stripers were hitting eight ounce diamond jigs in the Gut. This fishing was more productive during the weekdays, yet on Saturday and Sunday some private boatmen still managed several fish. Bob Hamilton jigged four stripers Saturday and topped this catch with a foul hooked 30 pound cod. Normally, Rocky Point leads the way with inshore codfish but on Friday an angler trying to catch blackfish at Mulford Point switched to clam baits and found five receptive codfish as well. A nine pounder was the best, the others were around five pounds. During a lull in Saturday's wind, a few fishermen put 65 blackfish in a skiff at Orient Lighthouse. These fish averaged 5 pounds, with the best going 10½ pounds. Flounders were caught at the Light and also at Petty's Bight. Pete added that the bayside has been a disappointment this year for flounder fishermen. A few good catches were made at the Greenport Breakwater and just to the east of Conkling Point. These flounders run from a pound to a pound and a half. The Port of Egypt has an abundant supply of clams, green crabs and fiddlers. They will continue to service fishermen for the next few weeks and hope for the weather to favor the fishermen.

Montauk trollers were doing fair with the stripers at Shagwong during the ebbing tide. The better action on the flood tides seemed to be the rips deep off the Lighthouse. Most of the stripers are schoolies but as always bigger fish are taken. One unnamed angler slipped a 40 plus aboard his boat on Sunday.

Our good friend Charlie Rodriquez and his partner trolled a pair of mid-twenty stripers down off the Golf Balls at Sandy Hook last week. They used Alou Eels but witnessed other fish being caught on surgical tubes. Charlie said that a few blues were also caught along this shoreline.

So it seems that there are fish other than cod to tease the challenging fishermen. Just how much longer the finny ones will linger is anyones guess. But it's a sure bet that these cold blooded swimmers will outlast the tempered two legged predators.



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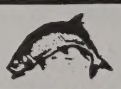

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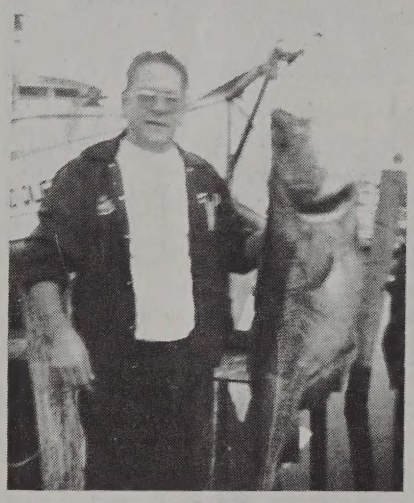
FRONT PAGE PHOTOS

L.I.F. columnist, Al Reinfelder, shows a brace of stripers; one of which took 3rd honors during the Martha's Vineyard Bass and Bluefish Derby back in October. Al, who has been haunting the rips at Montauk, has duplicated such catches in recent weeks using the same techniques that he has described in his weekly column, "Pluggin' Around."

Kevin Treibt shows the 20 pound codfish which was the largest of five he caught aboard his father's boat fishing the open bottom S.E. of Jones Inlet.

Richard Sabinsky and Ricky Shelsky trolled these bluefish, from five to eight pounds off Eatons Neck a few weeks back. They used 7½ oz. black Tri-Rin eels.

Charles Olsen and Brian Doyal display the 46 and 42 pound codfish they caught aboard Montauk's "Peconic Queen."



Wally Perlak caught this 55¾ pound codfish aboard the "Peconic Queen II" out of Montauk.

SOUTHSIDE REPORTS

by BOB LEE

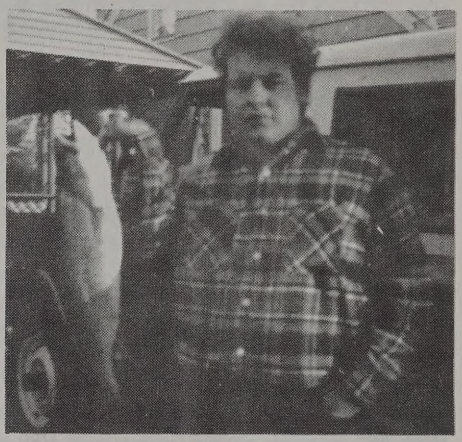
MONTAUK

Capt. Les Behan, skipper of the "Peconic Queen II," reports codfishing at Block Island is good. "We are getting all big cod in only 60 ft. of water. Our biggest fish this week was a 55¾ pound cod caught by Wally Perlak of Maspeth on Thursday. Sunday's fishing was excellent with a 50 pounder taken by Mike Bush of Woodhaven, Queens. Jim Russo of West Babylon latched onto a 32 lb. pollack on Sunday also. A Medford angler, Andy Sorady, took the pool on Saturday with a 49 lb. cod. Capt. Behan commented that the codfishing is good as far as the size of the fish caught, but it should improve on the quantity end as the weather gets colder.

Captain Paul Forsberg, skipper of the "Viking Star," reports excellent codfishing in and around the Block Island Fishing Grounds. During the week fishing was very good except for Friday and Saturday when it slowed down a bit. Sunday's fishing picture was altogether different. "We fished southeast of the Light near Block Island and caught cod up to 42 pounds. With about 60 passengers aboard Sunday, everyone had at least 10 to 12 cod apiece. Some of the better anglers had considerably more cod in their bags."

SHINNECOCK

Capt. Clark Bellows, Jr., skipper of the open boat of the same name, reports excellent flounder fishing in most areas of Shinnecock Bay. Capt. Bellows is fishing only on weekends and everyone is getting their share of fat flounders. The average size of these flatties is ¾'s to 1½ lbs. Some of the flatties hit the 2 lb. mark. The 'Basket' area is very productive as is the east end of the bay.



Bill Jensen caught this weakfish from the surf at Georgia Beach, E. Hampton on an Alou eel.

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MORICHES

Joe Stozzetto of the Shoreline Marina reports that flounder fishing is excellent directly across from the station. This area is known as Great Gun Beach and there is a deep hole there loaded with fat flounders. Joe Zuzio of Mastic Beach caught over 50 pounds of flounder there with bloodworm baits. The average size of the flounders around this area is about 1 to 1½ pounds. All are being caught on bloodworms. The more enterpirsing anglers are using a chum and worm combo to entice these flatties.

Tom LaGuardio and his fishing party caught this mess of flounders aboard the "Alma" in Forge River, Moriches Bay.

CAPTREE

Capt. George Tweedy, skipper of the "Capt. Scotty," reports fair codfishing can be had at most offshore wrecks. The cod fishing on the open bottom is very slow right now. Twelve to fifteen pound cod are about the average size, with some running as high as 25 lbs. Some days they run only 40 minutes and they are into fish; on other days, a two hour ride is necessary to hit fish. Pesky bergalls are at many of the wrecks and they aren't appreciated by the cod fishermen. Bluefish are still being caught, not in any great numbers, but nevertheless, they do provide some additional action when the cod scene is slow.

Mike Lyons of the Captree Bait Station reports that pier fishermen are doing very well on flounders. These flatties aren't in any great abundance but they are fat and chunky. Bloodworms and skimmer clams are doing the job on these fish. The open and charter boats are getting their share of flatties in the State Channel. The boats going offshore for cod are finding them on the open bottom. Mike said many of these codfish boats are returning to the docks with good catches of cod and some blackfish.

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Frank Hecker of the Causeway Bait & Tackle reports that the fishing action is centered around flounders right now. Good flounder fishing can be found just about any place in the bay. Bill Yablonski and family, of East Meadow, caught 35 fat flounders at Squaw Island. The bass fishermen are getting a few trolling and from the beach. Live eels are taking bass around the bridges.

FREEPORT

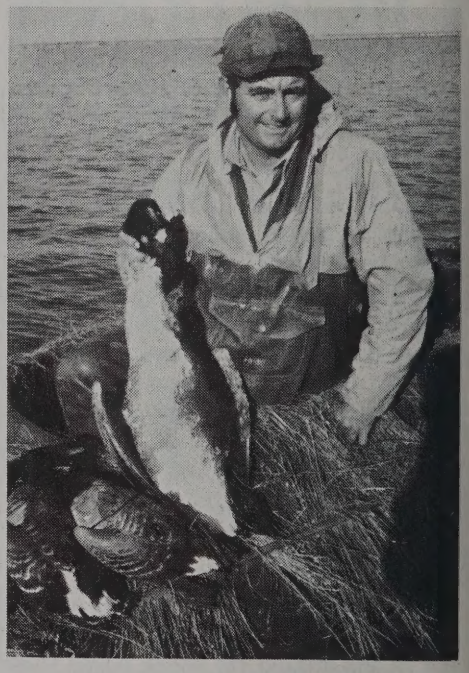
Capt. Richie Kessinger, skipper of the Capt. Jack's "Star Stream," reports good codfishing at most offshore wrecks. Open bottom fishing for cod is getting better every day. For the most part the cod are of good size, averaging 15 to 20 lbs. During the week fishing was excellent and continued that way over the weekend. The pool winning cod on Saturday and Sunday were in the 30 lb. plus range. Blues and porgies continue to be taken daily. Capt. Kessinger said the commercial draggers are getting more cod this year and it looks good for us. Last year at this time the draggers quit fishing because of the lack of cod at the fishing grounds.

POINT LOOKOUT

Jim Maum of Ed's Fishing Station reports flounder fishing continues to be excellent at Swifts Creek and around the flats. Bloodworm baits do best on these flatties. Blackfish continue to hit at rock jetties and around the Meadowbrook Bridge. Clam baits are doing best on these hard fighting fish. The codfishing is picking up south of the Jones Beach Tower in about 75 ft. of water. Boat trollers are doing an excellent job on striped bass along the beaches. Surfcasters are getting some hit and miss action. Jim said that the bass that are caught are big.

HIGHLANDS

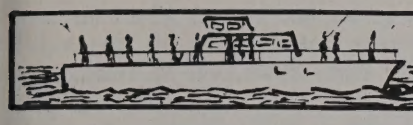
Capt. Bunting of the "Sea Horse" reports bluefish are just about gone now with only a few strays being taken. Striped bass fishing is very good. The bass are being taken in Ambrose Channel, between Buoy 3A and the number 3 Can. Umbrella rigs are working best. Big bass are being taken at Buoy 1 off Sandy Hook State Park. These stripers are ranging in size from 20 to 45 pounds. The surfcasters are catching schoolie bass from 3 to 5 pounds. Rebel plugs or Hopkins are the killers. These schoolies are moving in on the beach from Sandy Hook to Long Branch each morning at dawn. Blackfishing is very good at all the wrecks and patches of rocks. Whiting and ling have started to hit in the Scotland area. Catches of up to 25 fish (mostly ling) per man are being made south of the Scotland Buoy. At 17 Fathoms, blackfish, ling and an occasional codfish are being taken.



Bob Schlinger of Amityville with a Canada goose he shot while guiding L.I.F. illustrator Fred Guardineer to his limit of brant plus a few pintails and black duck. Bob can be contacted at AM 4-4054.

SPECIAL DUCK HUNTING REPORT

Tom Johnson, a local guide (licensed), reports duck hunting is excellent on black duck, mallard and buffelheads. Geese shooting is improving every day. Tuesday, after guiding hunter Artie Latch, who had his limit in only 2 hours, Tom elected to stay in the blind for some shooting on his own. He spotted three geese coming into the stool. Tom nailed all three, two on the first pass, and when



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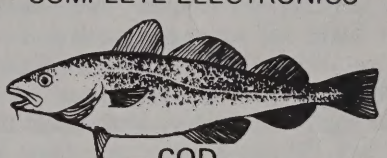

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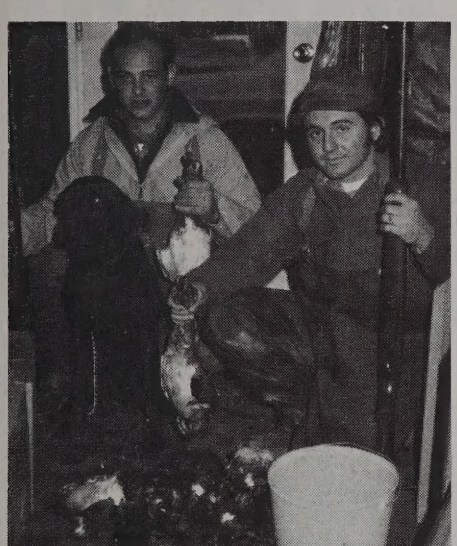

Peter Rabaglia and Joe Broccolo and dog Rufus, all of West Babylon with their limit of opening day black ducks downed at Gilgo. Photo courtesy of Lindenhurst Sporting Goods.

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the third hooked to find out what happened to its companions, Tom belted him also.

Dr. Skankerala, ex L.I. skeet champ, along with his father had their limit on Friday. The doctor and his father never missed a bird, said Tom, and they are booked every Friday until the season ends. If you want some good duck shooting, just contact Tom Johnson at (516) 728-3890.

ATLANTIC BEACH TO MANASQUAN

By Greg Beacher

When an opportunity comes to duck away for a week, especially when it means going to sunny California, you grab it. So in place of a weekly fishing report I have listed the possibilities and the facilities that are available throughout the N.Y. Bight in the weeks to come.

ATLANTIC BEACH

Cod, mackerel, whiting and ling are the four main species of fish that Atlantic Beach anglers fish for during the winter months. Cod are usually sought at the Cholera Banks, Angler Banks and the Middle Ground areas offshore. Areas closer to home where cod are located are open bottom areas and these include Scallop Ridge, Lightship Ridge and the Southeast Grounds. Whiting and ling are also caught along these same areas. At times, cod, whiting and ling are caught along beach areas. When the fall mackerel run starts, areas fished vary from east of Fire Island and across and south of Shark River. Mackerel may be located along both beach and offshore areas during their main run and are eagerly caught by the cod fishermen when they show up. The flounder and blackfish season which starts during the fall will continue until inland waters get too cold and freeze over. Flounder are located throughout inland and bay areas. The blackfish are caught at bridges, jetties and wrecks. Party boats from this area do not fish throughout the winter season. However, there are two fishing stations that remain open all winter. They are Henning's Fishing Station and the Commodore Fishing Station. They are open for bait and tackle trade.

SHEEPSHEAD BAY

Sheepshead Bay party boats have now entered the start of their winter season, with at least 75% of the fishing fleet sailing on a daily or weekend basis all winter. Cod, pollack, mackerel, whiting, ling and blackfish are their targets for the majority of the season. Along Emmons Avenue, tackle is no problem as Mike's Tackle and Stella Maris Fishing Station both remain open all year round. When weather permits, small boats can be rented or stored at the Bay End Dock.

Until the mackerel start their fall run, the Tampa IV, the Victory, and the Ranger IV will be cod fishing locally and at special offshore wrecks. The Victory now has a new sailing time. Captain Tred Abrams informed me that the Victory will be sailing at 5 a.m. daily for offshore cod and pollack wreck fishing.

Offshore areas fished for cod by Sheepshead Bay and Gerritsen Beach party boats are mainly 17 Fathoms, the Farms, Cholera Banks, Angler Banks, the Middle Grounds and open bottom areas. When the mackerel run starts, party boats fish as far to the east as Fire Island and as far south as Manasquan. Locally cod, whiting, ling and mackerel can be caught at Scallop Ridge, Lightship Ridge and the Scotland Buoy. These areas more or less remain the same until the spring mackerel and flounder run begin a new season.

STATEN ISLAND

Fishing throughout the Staten Island area extends into the winter months ends when inland and bay areas freeze over. Until that time the main action locally is flounder, blackfish and bass fishing. The only other fishing that might be found is whiting and ling fishing off of pier and jetties when they show. All of the above action for the Staten Island area remains the same until the spring flounder run starts.

Bait and tackle is no problem during the winter months for Staten Island anglers. Al Smith's Tackle City and Lenny Killoran Santo's Sport Shop both remain open all year. Many anglers fix up their tackle during the off season and may be in need of new rod and reel parts. These two shops have everything you might need.

SANDY HOOK

Snady Hook's winter season officially starts at the end of the fall bass run. During the winter months, there's very little doing along beach areas between Sandy Hook and Shark River. But throughout this same area, from 1 to 4 miles offshore of beach areas, there are some of the finest wrecks and rocky bottom areas that Jersey has to offer. At the last count, there were some 30 wreck and rocky bottom areas. Here cod, whiting, pollack, ling and mackerel make a showing during the winter season.

Party boats from the Atlantic Highlands, the Highlands, and Shark River sail on a daily or weekend basis all winter long. They fish both locally and offshore waters during the winter months. They travel as far as Fire Island to the east and as far south as Manasquan for cod and mackerel action.

MANASQUAN

Cod and blues represent the start of the winter season for Manasquan anglers. Blues are still being caught throughout this area whent he cod start to show. By the end of November, Manasquan areas match and become about the same as eastern areas. When the season progresses, party boats from Manasquan and Brielle have their choice of cod, mackerel, pollack, ling, whiting and blackfish. They sail on a daily or weekend basis all winter long, weather permitting.

RECOMMENDED GEAR

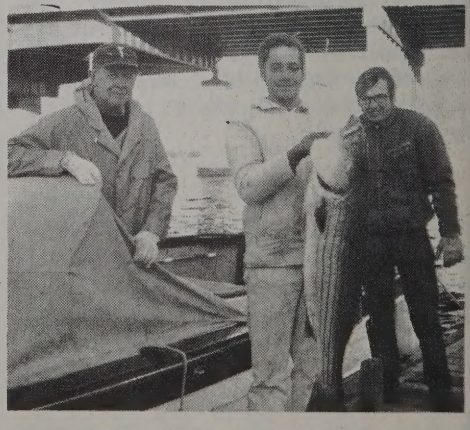
Winter fishing can be most rewarding or develop into a day that you wished never happened. Many fishermen stow away their gear during the winter months and await the arrival of spring. They seek the indoor life instead of the cold outdoors. No matter what happens, there are many fishermen who enjoy the sport all year round. This includes the angler that escapes from that couped-up feeling and goes fishing regardless of the weather.

The difference between a rewarding day's fishing and a day that you would wish to forget is in your proper planning and gear. Not so much so as far as rods and reels are concerned, but in your wearing apparel. The fishing might be great, but if it's cold and the angler isn't prepared, that cold day might develop into that day you would like to forget. Remember that day - cold hands, freezing toes, and a cold chill running up and down your spine - and to add insult to injury, you didn't catch anything.

I'm sure you've heard of thermal underwear, insulated socks, woolen gloves, woolen face cap, foul weather gear and insulated, waterproof boots. Well, if you have this gear during winter fishing trips, you'll be surprised at how much more you'll enjoy your fishing.

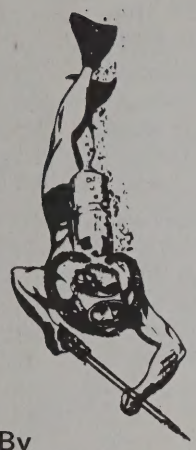
WEATHER

The weather plays a major part during the winter months. High winds come and go, causing uncertain sea conditions at times. It's recommended that anglers check weather reports carefully. If the weather conditions become unfavorable, there's always another day.



George Miller is proud of the 25½ pound striper that he caught aboard Paul O' Keefe's boat using a bunker spoon off Lido Beach.

DIVING



By JIM McEVOY

DIVING

Man has finally been able to return, live, breath, and work in the substance from which he came, the sea. Today we take for granted the ability to maintain and operate ourselves underwater. We truly do not appreciate what a superb era we are now living in. For thousands of years men have stood upon the shores gazing at the sea with the desire to explore and conquer what lies below the forbidding liquid space. This unknown area created fantasies and legends about itself, simply because it truly was unobtainable and unknown to mankind.

The luxury we now enjoy of complete freedom and ability to maneuver and swim as the marine creatures themselves do was a long time in developing. It has been a slow and tedious clumb up to this point.

Natural diving (diving without any equipment) was the forerunner of todays diving. Evidence shows that man has been practicing the art of diving since prehistoric times. Ancient piles of oyster and other deep water shells indicate that seacoast dwelling tribes dove and obtained some of their food from the sea.

The early Cretan civilization (3000 B.C. to 1400 B.C.) built much of its economy and its art around the sea and its products, fish sponges and purple dye from murex shells.

References are found of divers being used several hundred years B.C., in the salvage of sunken vessels, as underwater saborteurs during wars, in maintenance work on the hulls of ships and also diving for sponges and mollusks.

The tales of Scyllias of Scione as related by Herodotus, (about 460 B.C.) tell of Scyllias taking part in naval warfare. Scyllias, a famed Greek diver, was captured by the Persians and forced to work for them aboard their ships. Scyllias overhearing the plans of the Persians to make a surprise attack on the Greek fleet decided to foil their plans. A great storm arose giving Scyllias a chance to slip away from his captors. During his escape, he cut the cables of the Persian ships rendering them uncontrollable in the storm. Thus destroying the Persians attack plans upon the Greek fleet. Legends credit him with swimming to Artemisium, a distance of over ten miles, underwater. It is quite obvious that the Greek populace held him in "great esteem."

The Byzantines, later on, used divers as a weapon in naval warfare. Byzantine divers cut the cables of Roman ships which were blockading their harbor and attached other cables, by which the Byzantines hauled the ships ashore. This created great panic among the Romans. They believed that the ships were deserting the fleet of their own accord.

During the Middle Ages divers had become so common in naval warfare that they would meet and fight underwater. As late as 1565, at the siege of Malta, Turkish and Maltese divers engaged in a bloody battle, with hatchets. The Turks were overwhelmed and driven back.

Though the history of diving is mostly related to the serious side of life, a bit of humor from the past came to the foreground from a story told by Plutarch about Anthony and Cleopatra. During these times there were many experienced divers available. At a fishing contest held before Cleopatra, Anthony, who wanted to make an impression on Cleopatra, secretly hired a diver to attach fish to his hook, making him appear to be a highly skilled fisherman. His apparent skill seemed to impress Cleopatra. The next day she invited her courtiers to be present. Then, hiring her own diver, unknown to Anthony and the others, she had the diver put a preserved slated fish on Anthony's hook. Upon pulling up his catch, Anthony and the others quickly grasped the idea that the previous days maneuvers had been found out. Cleopatra further added to the insult by stating that his calling seemed to be conquering countries rather than fishing.

These early stages of diving totally depended upon the diver's ability to hold his breath. No one really knows exactly when the first artificial means of staying underwater was devised. Probably the first possible mechanical impliment appeared in the writings of the Greek philosopher, Aristotle, when he described sending down a container of air with the diver, one may consider this the birth of the idea of S.C.U.B.A.

The diving bell was the first successful and practical idea to substain a man underwater for any length of time. In Toledo, Spain, in 1538, two Greeks went to the bottom of the Tagus, using a large kettle for a diving bell, and returned to astound a waiting audience with dry clothes and a candle still burning.

The first self-contained diving unit to carry a supply of compressed air was deisgned in 1825, by W.H. James. The air was in an iron reservoir worn around the waist. In 1837, Siebe developed a closed suit which became the standard diving suit for about a century.

In 1925, LePrieur developed the forerunner of the modern S.C.U.B.A. unit. LePrieur's apparatus carried a steel cylinder of compressed air, which was released in a continuous flow into a face mask while the exhaled air flowed out into the water. The flow of air was regulated manually by the diver.

It was not until 1943 when Cousteau came forth with the Aqua Lung regulator that man was truly freed. This device solved many of the problems. The regulator automatically increased the air pressure to equalize the pressures inside the body with the increasing water pressure on the outside. This eliminated the need ofr cumbersome pressurized hard-hat suits.

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28-Sun.	3:42	4:06
29-Mon.	4:42	5:06
30-Tues.	5:36	6:00
1-Wed.	6:24	6:54
2-Thur.	7:12	7:42

on SANDY HOOK

Long Island South Side

	h.	m.
Hempstead Bay		
Deep Creek Meadow	+1	02
Green Island	+1	22
Cuba Island	+1	08
Bellmore, Bellmore Creek	+1	29
Neds Creek	+0	50
Freeport Creek	+0	34
Freeport, Baldwin Bay	+0	38
Long Beach	+0	19
Long Beach, outer coast	- 0	29
Hempstead Bay Continued		
East Rockaway	+0	42
Woodmere, Brosewere Bay	+0	35
East Rockaway Inlet	- 0	06
Jamaica Bay		
Plumb Beach Channel	+0	03
Barren Island, Rockaway Inlet	- 0	00
Beach Channel (bridge)	+0	38
Motts Basin	+0	40
Norton Point, Head of Bay	+0	39
New York International Airport	+0	26
Grassy Bay (bridge)	+0	44
Carnarsie	+0	28
Mill Basin	+0	29
Coney Island	- 0	03
Norton Point, Gravesend Bay	- 0	03
Shinnecock Inlet (ocean)	- 0	50
Ponquogue Bridge, Shinnecock Bay	+1	25
Potunk Point, Moriches Bay	+3	35
Moriches Inlet	- 0	56
Mastic Reach, Moriches Bay	+3	28
Fire Island Breakwater	- 0	39
Democrat Point, Fire Island Inlet	- 0	38
Great South Bay		
Fire Island Light	+0	47
West Fire Island	+2	11
Point O' Woods	+2	28
Bellport, Bellport Bay	+3	44
Patchogue	+3	23
Sayville (Brown Creek)	+3	39
Great River, Connetquot River	+3	20
Bay Shore	+2	23
Oak Beach	+2	24
Babylon	+2	12
Gilgo Heading	+2	23
Amityville	+2	21
Biltmore Shores, So. Oyster Bay	+2	05
Jones Inlet (Point Lookout)	- 0	19

WILLETS POINT

DAY	AM	PM
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27-Sat.	6:00	6:30
28-Sun.	7:06	7:42
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1-Wed.	10:00	10:42
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on WILLETS POINT

Long Island Sound

	h.	m.
Port Chester	- 0	09
Rye Beach	- 0	14
Mamaroneck	- 0	08
New Rochelle	- 0	13
Davids Island	- 0	02
City Island	- 0	03
Throggs Neck	+0	02
Whitestone	+0	02
Old Ferry Point	+0	04
College Point, Flushing Bay	+0	20
Hewlett Point	- 0	03
Port Washington, Manhasset Bay	- 0	01
Execution Rocks	- 0	06
Glen Cove, Hempstead Harbor	- 0	11

BRIDGEPORT

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on BRIDGEPORT

Long Island Sound

	h.	m.
Oyster Bay		
Oyster Bay Harbor	+0	04
Bayville Bridge	+0	09
Cold Spring Harbor	+0	04
Eatons Point	- 0	01
Lloyd Harbor ent. Huntington	- 0	01
Northport, Northport Bay	- 0	01
Nissequogue River entrance	- 0	07
Stony Brook, Smithtown Bay	+0	05
Stratford Shoal	- 0	09
Pt. Jefferson Harbor entrance	- 0	01
Port Jefferson	+0	02
Setauket Harbor	0	00
Conscience Bay ent. (Narrows)	+0	03
Mount Sinai Harbor	+0	05
Herod Point	- 0	11
Mattituck Inlet	+0	39
Horton Point	- 0	24
Truman Beach	- 0	46

NEW LONDON

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on NEW LONDON

	h.	m.
Plum Gut Harbor, Plum Island	+0	34
Little Gull Island	+0	17
Shelter Island Sound		
Orient	+0	41
Greenport	+1	09
Southold	+1	48
Noyack Bay	+2	10
Sag Harbor	+1	04
Cedar Island	+0	49
Peconic Bays		
New Suffolk	+2	31
South Jamesport	+2	37
Shinnecock Canal	+2	38
Three mile Hbr. ent., Gardiners Bay	+0	26
Promised Land, Napeague Bay	- 0	09
Montauk Harbor entrance	- 0	20
Montauk, Fort Pond Bay	- 0	24
Montauk Point, north side	- 1	08

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